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Filing Date: April 19, 2000)	Docket No.: B215 1010.1
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For: **Method and Apparatus to Establish and Optimize Sedimentation and Methane Fermentation in Primary Wastewater Ponds**

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants are submitting this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 solely to provide a better quality reference copy and to correct the formal citation for the "Oswald Article" already of record and under consideration by the Examiner (see Examiner's Notice of Reference Cited, which accompanied the presently outstanding Office Action, mailed October 16, 2003). A copy of the reference listed on Applicants' form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith. Further, Applicants' Amendment and Reply to the outstanding Office Action, along with the appropriate Petition for Extension of Time and Fee Transmittal, accompany this submission.

Because the present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is submitted solely to provide a better copy of a reference already of record, and to correct the citation of that reference, it is not believed that any fees are due. The substantive content of the reference copy submitted herewith is the same as that of the "Oswald Article" already of record, as cited by the Examiner.

Applicants further reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the listed information should they be applied as references, and/or to prove that some

of the cited information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that some of the cited information may not be enabling for the teachings they purport to offer.


This statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, or that the information cited herewith is material, or that there does not exist information more material to the examination of the present Application. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the information submitted herein. On the contrary, the Examiner is requested to conduct an independent and thorough review of all available information, and to form independent opinions as to its significance.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return copies of the enclosed PTO-1449 and to indicate in the official file wrapper of the above-identified patent application that each item of the cited information has been considered.

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